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SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. BY MME FRANCOISE GIROUD,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WOMENS AFFAIRS

REF: PARIS 17561

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY ADVISED THAT  
MME. FRANCOISE GIROUD, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR  
WOMEN'S AFFAIRS, WILL BE VISITING THE U.S.  
19-25 OCTOBER (WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, BOSTON) IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE PUBLICATION OF AN AMERICAN  
EDITION OF HER AUTOBIOGRAPHY PUBLISHED IN FRANCE (1974)  
UNDER TITLE "SI JE MENS...".

2. WHILE VISIT WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED AS PRIVATE,  
MME. GIROUD HAS NOW OBTAINED PRESIDENT GISCARD'S  
APPROVAL TO MAKE OFFICIAL CONTACTS WHILE IN THE U.S.  
IN CONNECTION WITH HER CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES.  
ACCORDINGLY, MME. GIROUD HAS REQUESTED THE EMBASSY'S  
ASSISTANCE IN ORGANIZING A PROGRAM WHICH WOULD ENABLE  
HER TO MEET LEADING AMERICAN WOMEN AND TO GET FIRST  
HAND INFORMATION ON U.S. VIEWS ON ROLE OF WOMEN IN  
THE ECONOMY AND GENERALLY ON THEIR STATUS IN AMERICAN  
SOCIETY.

3. MME. GIROUD WOULD APPRECIATE ESPECIALLY AN  
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH CONGRESSWOMEN, MRS. CARMEN  
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R. MAYMI, DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S BUREAU AND TO CALL ON

THE SECRETARY OF LABOR. OTHER SUGGESTIONS WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER ARE MEETINGS DURING WORK HOURS OR AT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS WITH FOLLOWING:

JACQUELINE G. GUTWILLIG, CHAIRMAN OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN.

JUNE O'NEIL, COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS.

GABRIEL RUDNEY, OFFICE OF TAX ANALYSIS, TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

MORAG SIMCHAK, WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES ADVISER, OFFICE OF LABOR AFFAIRS, AID.

BENNETTA WASHINGTON, MANPOWER ADMINISTRATION, LABOR DEPARTMENT.

LEADERS OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

FURTHERMORE IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL FOR MME. GIROUD TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND EQUAL PAY LEGISLATION, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISION WHICH FOUND CORNING GLASS TO HAVE UNLAWFULLY DISCRIMINATED AGAINST WOMEN EMPLOYEES.

4. MADAME GIROUD HAS MADE FOLLOWING COMMITMENTS FOR THE PERIOD OF HER VISIT TO THE U.S.:

OCTOBER 19 - ARRIVE WASHINGTON (HAY ADAMS HOTEL)

2L - 1300 HRS - LUNCH GIVEN BY MRS.  
KATHERINE GRAHAM OF "WASHINGTON POST"

22 - 1200 TO 1400 - TV SHOW PANORAMA  
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EVENING - NEW YORK (HOTEL ST. REGIS)

23 - RECEPTION AT BETTY FRIEDMAN'S OR  
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

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24 - N.B.C. MORNING SHOW (7-9 A.M.)  
EVENING - RECEPTION AT GALERIE  
RIZZOLI

25 - BOSTON

26 - DEPARTURE FOR PARIS

5. BIO INFORMATION ON MME. GIROUD WAS REPORTED BY  
PARIS 17561. WHAT BEARS REPEATING IS THAT SHE  
SPEAKS ENGLISH FLUENTLY AND IS AN ENGAGING  
PERSONALITY WITH A GREAT VARIETY OF INTERESTS AND  
AN IMPRESSIVE RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN HER CAREER.  
NOT ONLY SHE BUT GOF AND FRENCH PUBLIC TAKE  
PRIDE IN FACT THAT FRANCE IS FIRST COUNTRY TO  
RAISE WOMEN'S AFFAIRS TO MINISTERIAL LEVEL.  
ACCORDINGLY, MME. GIROUD IS EAGERLY LOOKING FORWARD  
TO U.S. VISIT AS OPPORTUNITY TO GET IDEAS TO HELP  
HER MEET PRESIDENT GISCARD'S AND HER OWN HIGH  
EXPECTATIONS OF HER OFFICE.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE FULL AND MEANINGFUL  
PROGRAM FOR MME. GIROUD.  
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